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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sandrine DECOSTER et al.

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For:

DETERGENT COSMETIC

COMPOSITIONS AND USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer and replace claim 17 with amended claim 17 set forth below,

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17. (Amended) A detergent and conditioning composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, a washing base and a conditioning system, wherein